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Just a note on the implementation of the program.

It seems to me that the program that did the same thing for Public TV was about a million dollars per station. Since we are talking about 1 or 2 percent of that for these stations, there should not be a need for overburdening stations with lots of paper and hoops.

This is an entire industry that is hanging on by a hair, and everyone knows that it will take much more than whatever this grant program offers to cover the upgrades

So I vote for a simple, clean, expedited flat rate for each station you deem eligible. And, based on your experience with the translator program, do not hold back on the grant amounts in case every single station in America applies. You know they all won't, and the intention of the Bill is not to save money or reallocate it later, the purpose is to help these starving stations. Perhaps a higher grant per station on a first come, first served basis, and if you don't spend it all, give the rest back to those who qualify as additional help.

And no need to require the stations spend the funds first--they don't have the money!

Thanks.